

Section I:
AMENDMENT to the CLAIMS

1 - 12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering system comprising:

a bid database in a network computer arrangement containing collected bids, the collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;

a database query server querying the bid database for unsealed bids which match parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console, the trader console operating to buy products or services from the broker user console, and operating to resell the bought products and services to the bidder user console;

a bid transferor responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for the trader console delivering the matching unsealed bids to the trader console, and preventing delivery of sealed bids to the trader console; and

a display on the trader console of the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader console user.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein the database query server comprises an Internet server.

16. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein the database query server comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server.

17. (currently amended) The sealed bid sales offering system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein

[[said]] the trader console comprises a web browser.

18. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a trader's location code.

19. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein [[said]] the database query server retrieves unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

20. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a restricted access administrator console communicative with [[said]] the bid database converting sealed bids to unsealed bids.

21. (currently amended) The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising a system clock or timer determining which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

22. (currently amended) A sealed bid sales offering method comprising:
providing collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the
collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating
whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;
querying by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match
parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]] the trader
console comprising an intermediary third party user console communicably disposed
between a bidder user console and broker user console;
operating by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker user
console;
operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to [[said]] the
bidder user console;
responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, delivering by a bid
transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console wherein
delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is prevented; and
displaying on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a trader
console user.

23. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying
comprises a Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) query.

24. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a web
browser trader console.

25. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein [[said]] the querying
comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet criteria including a
trader's location code.

26. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 wherein the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from the bid database which meet criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.

27. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising providing a restricted access administrator console communicative with the bid database, and converting sealed bids to unsealed bids by the administrator console.

28. (currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim 22 further comprising using a system clock or timer to determine which seals of sealed bids have expired as a criteria for retrieving unsealed bids.

29. (currently amended) A computer readable memory comprising:
a computer readable memory suitable for encoding computer programs; and
one or more computer programs encoded by [[said]] the computer readable memory and
configured to:

provide collected bids in a bid database in a network computer arrangement, [[said]] the
collected bids each having an associated seal status indication field for indicating
whether each bid is a sealed bid or is an unsealed bid;
query by a database query server [[said]] the bid database for unsealed bids which match
parameters of a Broker Profile Matrix associated with a trader console, [[said]]
the trader console comprising an intermediary third party user console
communicably disposed between a bidder user console and broker user console;
operate by [[said]] the trader console to buy products or services from [[said]] the broker
user console;
operating by [[said]] the trader to resell [[said]] the bought products and services to
[[said]] the bidder user console;
responsive to finding matching unsealed bids for [[said]] the trader console, deliver by a
bid transferor [[said]] the matching unsealed bids to [[said]] the trader console
wherein delivery of delivery of sealed bids to [[said]] the trader console is
prevented; and
display on [[said]] the trader console [[said]] the delivered matching unsealed bids to a
trader console user.

30. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet
criteria including a trader's location code.

31. (currently amended) The computer readable memory as set forth in Claim 29 wherein [[said]]
the querying comprises retrieving unsealed bids from [[said]] the bid database which meet
criteria including a match with a trader's goods category code.